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LEXINGTON, Ky. – (Dec. 17, 2012) – A substance abuse program designed to assist individuals licensed by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and suffering from drug and alcohol abuse is to be piloted at Turfway Park beginning in January 2013. Funding for the program is being provided through the Kentucky Racing Health and Welfare Fund (KyRHWF). If successful, the program will be implemented at other Kentucky Thoroughbred racetracks.

The treatment program was developed through the efforts of Kentucky Horse Racing Commissioner Burr Travis, Chairman Don Ball and Richard Riedel of KyRHWF, Chip Bach of Turfway Park and the Awareness and Discovery Group of Northern Kentucky.

"We at the Commission believe it is important to assist individuals licensed by the KHRC and currently struggling with substance abuse. The upcoming winter meet at Turfway Park presents an opportunity to implement this program and we are blessed to have the support of Turfway Park as well as the support and guidance of the Kentucky Racing Health and Welfare Fund," said Commissioner Burr Travis.

Through this treatment program individuals who believe they have substance abuse problems can seek treatment on their own. Additionally track stewards may refer someone to the program in lieu of or as part of actions taken against that employee by the stewards. Having the program on site will allow the participants to continue working while getting the treatment they need.

The treatment program will run through March 28, 2013, and will then be evaluated by the Kentucky Horse Racing Commission and the KyRHWF to gauge its



success. The KyRHWF has allotted \$5,000 for the pilot program and set aside another \$45,000 should the decision be made to expand it to other tracks.

The KyRHWF is funded through allocations from un-cashed pari-mutuel ticket sales.